(b) whether Government have taken any stringent action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such maintenance of peace and order is the primary responsibility of the State Governments. There are provisions in the Indian Penal Code and various other Acts for taking action against any organization whose activities are pre-judicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace had communal harmony.

The activities of all organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, including imposition of ban, wherever necessary.

Action against guilty officials

1591. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ordered trial of some U.P. police officials for implicating a senior judicial officer in a false corruption case;

(b) if so,the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure that action is taken against the individuals who made friviolous, baseless allegations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Constitution Bench in its order dated 14.8.2002 in W.P. (Crl) No. 404 of 1993 has directed the prosecution to proceed with the criminal case and also directed the disciplinary authority to initiate/take appropriate disciplinary action against the errant police officer.

(c) Disciplinary action in the matter is to be taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Necessary instructions have been given by this Ministry

to the Government of Uttar Pradesh to accord top priority to implement the aforesaid direction of Supreme Court. Further, the Supreme Court has also directed the disciplinary authority to report to the Supreme Court about the action taken in the matter.

Supply of ammunition to Paramilitary Forces

1592. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Paramilitary Forces are running short of ammunition while fighting with terrorists as reported in 'The Pioneer' dated 7th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for regular supply of ammunition to the forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gang rape of girl students in Delhi

†1593. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the incidents of gang rape of the girl students of University of Delhi and Maulana Azad Medical College;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any stringent action to prevent the incidents of rape against the girl students of Universities and Colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.